HISTÓRIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes September 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Kathleen Eriksen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Glen Harris (Late) Heather Lane-Fowler

Jan Hatch Kurt Thornton Kathleen Eriksen Laurie Sullivan

Staff Present: Glenn Perian, Senior Planner, Planning & Community Development

Kim Tuck, Chief Building Official, Inspections Leona Parrish, Administrative Assistant, Planning

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. Kurt Thornton to approve the minutes from June 9, 2008 meeting; Seconded by Ms. Heather Lane-Fowler, all in favor minutes approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: E-mail from Nancy Finegood regarding National Registration Designation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

18 W. Michigan Avenue

Mr. Perian stated this was Edwards Jones Investment building requesting to install three exterior black gooseneck light fixtures to illuminate their existing sign in the front.

Ms. Connie Gardner and Mr. Stan Paul from the Hinman Company were present as representatives of Edwards Jones Investment. They stated the lights would be installed as shown in diagram, and that they would be black in color.

<u>MOTION</u>: MADE BY KATHLEEN ERIKSEN TO <u>APPROVE</u> THE THREE EXTERIOR LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED ABOVE EXISTING EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS SIGN, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE; SUPPORTED BY KURT THORNTON.

ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE.

36 W. Michigan Avenue

Mr. Glenn Perian stated this is a request to install a rear balcony for the Cricket Club Renovation. Stated that Mr. Jeffrey Adams had provided plans for the rear balcony. Noted he had spoken to the board at a prior meeting regarding the conceptional design. Mr. Adams submitted to the Inspections department building permits, and discovered he needed the Historic District Commission's approval before the permits can be issued to begin work on the rear balcony.

Mr. Adams stated that the rear balcony will be the same design as the front balcony and that it would make quite an improvement to the building.

Ms. Laurie Sullivan asked if the material and color would be the same as the front. Mr. Adams stated yes, and provided samples; teal color that appears black at times with a bronze color trim. Stated the balcony would be steel and wood color decking with the banister and railings being the bronze/black steel.

Mr. Kurt Thornton asked when they planned to be open for business.

Mr. Jeffery Adams stated it is still early and need the building permits for the façade and approval by the Historic District Commission and was hopefully be ready by the end of this year. Stated he would do both the floors now because of mechanical issues such as heating and cooling etc.

Ms. Kathleen Eriksen asked if the two floors would be separate. Mr. Adams stated yes, the upstairs would be a Sky Bar /Martini Bar with a stage and the downstairs would be the Cricket Club with Jazz and have dart boards along the walls and will be a great design.

Ms. Sullivan asked if it was possible to have a piano bar, as she has had several persons ask if the City had one. Mr. Adams said it could be possible.

Ms. Sullivan asked what would be the difference in the Griffin and the Cricket Club. Mr. Adams stated the Griffin serves many different foods; and that the Cricket Club will be less food, thus being more manageable and would be designed to address large crowds and provide good service if needed for events etc. Stated the Griffin has (2) service stations and the Cricket would have (4) service stations.

Ms. Eriksen thanked Mr. Adams for making the investment in the City of Battle Creek.

<u>MOTION</u>: MADE BY MS. KATHLEEN ERIKSEN TO <u>APPROVE</u> THE APPLICATION FOR THE RENOVATION OF REAR FAÇADE OF THE CRICKET CLUB, INCLUDING REAR BALCONY, SUBMITTED FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 36 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE; SUPPORTED BY MR. KURT THORNTON.

ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m., all in favor none opposed.

Submitted by: Leona A. Parrish, Administrative Assistant, Planning Department